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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATIONS

1. THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A CUBAN NATIONAL PRESENTLY PRESIDING IN GUAYAQUIL MAY HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN LOUIS STOKES HAS ASKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP INTERVIEWS FOR TWO OF HIS STAFF INVESTIGATORS WITH RAFAEL GENER (MAIL ADDRESS CASILLA 8842, GUAYAQUIL). THE INVESTIGATORS, AL GONZALEZ AND GAETON FONZI, WOULD LIKE TO CONDUCT THESE INTERVIEWS BETWEEN MAY 29 AND JUNE 1.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT CONSENT OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE THIS INTERVIEW IS CARRIED OUT. ASSUMING GOE AGREEMENT
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OBTAINED, CONGEN IS REQUESTED TO TRY TO LOCATE AND CONTACT RAFAEL GENER, SEEK HIS COOPERATION, AND FIND OUT IF AND WHEN HE COULD MEET WITH STAFF INVESTIGATORS BETWEEN MAY 29 AND JUNE 1. ECUADOREAN AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE TO SCHEDULE ANY INTERVIEWS WITH HIM. COMMITTEE HAS NO

OBJECTION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT

BEING PRESENT AT THE INTERVIEW IF THEY SO DESIRE.

3. PROJECTED FONZI AND GONZALEZ TRAVEL SCHEDULED IS
AS FOLLOWS:

A. DEPART MIAMI BRANIFF 949 1:45 A.M. MONDAY, MAY 29,
ARRIVING GUAYAQUIL 5:55 A.M.

B. DEPART GUAYAQUIL ECUATORIANA 1032 7:30 A.M. THURSDAY,
JUNE 1.

C. FYI INVESTIGATORS PLAN TRAVEL TO CARACAS FOLLOWING
GUAYAQUIL STOP FOR PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING THREE OTHER
CUBAN NATIONALS IN CONJUNCTION THIS INVESTIGATION. END
FYI.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO COORDINATE REPLY FROM BOTH ACTION
POSTS TO REPORT RESPONSES OF GOE AND NAMED INDIVIDUAL TO
DEPARTMENT ASAP, SO THAT WE CAN INFORM HOUSE COMMITTEE
ACCORDINGLY. VANCE

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